



R.E. "Gene" Reagan

October 9, 1928 - April 21, 2017

R.E. "Gene" Reagan, age 88, of Strawberry Plains, passed away at home on Friday, April 21, 2017. Gene was born on October 9, 1928 in Blount County, Tennessee. Gene was the eighth child of Martha Emma and J. J. Reagan. Gene graduated from Rush Strong School and completed construction management courses at the University of Tennessee. He was a superintendent for Construction Management and Rentenbach Construction Company. Gene was a member of the First Baptist Church of Knoxville. Gene will be remembered for his generosity, sweet smile, swift brick laying and building abilities, and volunteer work with local and foreign missions. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings and infant grandson, Joey Damewood.

Gene is survived by wife of 68 years, Tommie Large; daughters, Charlotte Damewood and husband, Jim; MaryLou Apple and husband, Jim; and Emagene Reagan; grandchildren, Lt. Col. Ben Cook and wife, Major Jen Cook and Wendi Pelfrey and husband, Stephen; great-grandchild, Brice Robert Pelfrey; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Handy Man Ministry Fund at First Baptist Church of Knoxville, 510 W. Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902.

A private graveside service was held by his family on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at Pleasant Grove Piney Cemetery.

Memorial service 2:30 PM Sunday, April 30, 2017 at First Baptist Church of

Knoxville with Dr. Bob Hall and Dr. Tom Ogburn officiating. The family will receive friends Sunday from 1:00 - 2:30 PM at the Church. Arrangements by Fielden Funeral Home in New Market.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Knoxville
510 W. Main Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

Memorial Service

APR 30. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ Dear Mrs. Reagan, Charlotte, Marylou, Imagine and Family,
I remember meeting Mr. Reagan sometime during my first year at
Rush Strong School in 1963. I was impressed then by his clean-cut
appearance, upright posture, very apparent confidence, and
reputation for integrity. To his delight, I am sure, those
characteristics have marked his entire family for all the years since
then. Betty and I join you in celebrating the life of a truly good man
and in recognizing a huge loss to the family and community.
Sincerely,
Steve and Betty Burcham

Steve Burcham - April 27, 2017 at 05:22 PM

DH

“ Sorry about your loss. May God be with all of you and bring you
comfort. Mom and Dad send their love.
Debbie Curl Honeycutt

Debbie Honeycutt - April 26, 2017 at 06:59 PM

WS

“ Mrs. Damewood so sorry for your lost of your dad you all are in my
prayers you was the nice teacher i had at rush stornng school

wendi Stiner - April 24, 2017 at 03:08 PM

LS

“ I appreciated the photograph of Gene. It looks just as I've always thought of him; with a sweet smile and a twinkle. I have thought of him frequently since he was my favorite Sunday School teacher for several years when I was in the youth class. He made the most difficult concepts of those lessons so clear and I can quote some his explanations to this date, some 50 years later! I know the angels will sing him into Heaven. An altogether lovely man.

Linda Shackelford

Linda Shackelford - April 22, 2017 at 01:36 PM